

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/IB 2003/004310

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: H03M 7/42, G06T 9/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: H03M, G06T, H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-INTERNAL, WPI DATA, PAJ, INSPEC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Ji-Han Jiang et al "An Efficient Huffman Decoding Method Based on Pattern Partition and Look-up Table" Communications, 1999. APCC/OECC'99. Fifth Asia-Pacific Conference on...and Fourth Optoelectronics and Communications Conference page(s):904-907, Vol. 2, 1999, see paragraph 2.1 and 2.2, figure 1-3 --	23-25
A	Kuo-Liang Chung et al "Level-Compressed Huffman Decoding" IEEE Transactions on Communications, Vol. 47, No.10 Oct. 1999, Page(s): 1455-1457 ISSN: 0090-6778 See abstract --	1-39

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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A	Seung Bae Choi et al "HIGH SPEED PATTERN MATCHING FOR A FAST HUFFMAN DECODER" Consumer Electronics, IEEE Transactions on 14 Nov. 1994 Page(s): 97-103 ISSN: 0098-3063 See abstract --	1-39
A	Reza Hashemian "Memory Efficient and High-Speed Search Huffman Coding" IEEE Transactions on Communications, Vol. 43, No. 10, Oct. 1995 Page(s): 2576-2581 See abstract --	1-39
A	Hong-Chung Chen et al "A memory-efficient and fast Huffman decoding algorithm" Information Processing Letters 69 (1999) 119-122 See abstract --	1-39
A	Byeong-Il Kim et al "An Efficient Search of Binary Tree for Huffman Decoding Based on Numeric Interpretation of Codewords" ITC-CSCC-2002, The 2002 International Technical Conference, 16-19 July 2002, Phuket, Thailand See abstract --	1-39
A	Manoj Aggarwal et al "EFFICIENT HUFFMAN DECODING" Image Processing, 200. Proceedings: 200 International Conference on 10 -13 Sept.2000 Page(s) 936-939 See abstract --	1-39

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A	Rezaul Alam Chowdhury et al "An efficient decoding technique for Huffman Codes" Information Processing Letters, 2002 Vol. 81, No. 6 Page(s): 305-308 See abstract --	1-39
A	Bai-Jue Shieh et al "A High-Throughput Memory-Based VLC Decoder with Codeword Boundary Prediction" Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, IEEE Transactions on, Vol. 10, No. 8, Dec. 2000 ISSN: 1051-8215 See abstract --	1-39
A	US 6188797 B1 (RIAZ A. MOLEDINA ET AL), 13 February 2001 (13.02.2001), abstract --	1-39
P,A	EP 1341314 A2 (SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.), 3 Sept 2003 (03.09.2003), abstract -- -----	1-39

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 40-41
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Continuation of Box II, 2.

It is clear from the description on pages 7-15 that the following features are essential to the definition of the invention:

(1) a Huffman coding tree of height H (2) a first data structure (3) a second data structure etc.

Since independent claim 40,41 does not contain these features it does not meet the requirement following from Article 6 PCT taken in combination with Rule 6.3(b) PCT that any independent claim must contain all the technical features essential to the definition of the invention.

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Information on patent family members

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